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ABSTRACT

The articles in this book examine educational privatization in Eastern Europe. The essays represent a variety of perspectives on education systems in various stages of evolution. The chapters are divided into three groups. The first three chapters discuss educational change and the privatization movement in the Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. The second group of articles examine developments in Hungary and the Czech Republic, while the final grouping is concerned with progress in Poland and Romania. The chapters on the Baltic experience address issues involved in the restructuring of educational systems and discuss the problems of integrating markets and educational policies. Quality control and the assessment of performance indicators, particularly as they relate to institutions that are not part of the state system, are also priorities for educators in this region. The second section describes policy reform and privatization in elementary and secondary education in Hungary and education and ideology in the Czech Republic during transition and after. The final section discusses the development of nonpublic education in Poland; education, ideological change, and privatization in Romania; and educational freedom and the movement for school choice in Eastern Europe. (RJM)

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